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OVERSEAS SERVICE AS EFFECTING DISCHARGE ELIGIBILITY

I. SCOPE.

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to present a current summary of required military foreign service tours now in effect as established by regulations issued by the Washington headquarters, the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force.

2. Attention is invited to Administrative Memorandums #1 and #16, 1947 series, this headquarters. Where the contents of this Memorandum are in conflict with previously issued directives, the provisions outlined below will govern.

3. It is pointed out that this directive applies specifically to military personnel.

II. GENERAL.

1. Foreign service is that overseas service performed since 7 December 1941, plus intervening service within the United States, where that intervening service, (to include leave and furlough) does not exceed six months.

2. A normal tour of overseas service for the China Zone has been established as of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years' duration.

III. PERSONNEL EFFECTED.

1. Officers.

a. Officers whose separation eligibility dates would leave them with less than six months service (excluding leave prior to separation) after return to the Zone of the Interior upon completion of their normal foreign service tours, will be given the option of,

(1) returning for immediate processing and leave prior to separation, or

(2) of extending their overseas service so as to receive discharge from the service upon

return to the United States immediately after completion of leave accrued.

EXCEPT: if the above might operate to set aside any agreement, now in effect, entered into by an individual officer to serve overseas after the arrival of his dependents.

## 2. Enlisted Men.

a. Enlisted men having less than six months service (excluding leave) remaining after completion of thirty months overseas, may,

- (1) extend foreign service so that upon return they will be separated immediately upon completion of leave due them, or
- (2) return for immediate leave and separation.

b. If less than five months service remains after completion of thirty months overseas, the individual enlisted man may,

- (1) extend his foreign service so as to have less than one month (excluding leave) remaining upon arrival in the United States, or
- (2) decrease his normal thirty months tour by one month and arrive in the USA during the sixth month preceding date eligible for discharge (to exclude leave time).

EXCEPT: if the above operates to set aside any agreement, now in effect, entered into by the individual to serve overseas after the arrival of his dependents.

## IV. EXTENSIONS OF OVERSEAS SERVICE.

### 1. Voluntary.

a. Personnel will not be held beyond the normal foreign service tour except as provided in paragraph 2 below (Involuntary Extensions), unless the individual concerned requests an extension which is approved by the Chief of Mission.

b. Overseas commanders may grant extensions of not to exceed three months to personnel serving a first foreign tour since 7 December 1941 as follows:

- (1) Officers whose dependents are with them or who have applied for transportation of their dependents to the overseas station.

(2) Enlisted men who .....

- (a) are in the first three grades, and
- (b) have their dependents with them, or
- (c) if unmarried, an extension of foreign service tour, in the opinion of the oversea commander, would not adversely affect the morale and welfare of such enlisted man.

c. No extension of normal foreign service tour will be granted any individual upon completion of his first foreign service tour since 7 December 1941 except as established above. Upon completion of any subsequent tour, an extension may be granted by the overseas commander as follows:

- (1) Officers: Not to exceed six months.
- (2) Enlisted: Any period provided a satisfactory physical examination is accomplished.

2. Involuntary.

Overseas commanders may increase or decrease the normal tour of an officer's overseas service by a maximum of three months in order to gradually phase returns and replacements.

V. RECAPITULATION.

1. First Tour of Foreign Service.

a. In a first tour of foreign service, personnel may be involuntarily retained beyond the normal thirty months period as follows:

- (1) Officers: Not to exceed three months.
- (2) Enlisted: None.

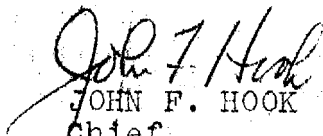
b. In a first tour of foreign service, personnel may be retained voluntarily, after submission and approval of an application for extension, under the following conditions:

- (1) Officers: Of not to exceed three months where the officer's dependents are now in the area or en route.
- (2) Enlisted: Of not to exceed three months where the enlisted man is of the first three grades with dependents, or if he is unmarried, with the approval of the Chief of Mission where it is felt such an extension will not adversely affect the individual soldier.

2. Subsequent Tours.

a. Upon completion of a subsequent tour of foreign service, (as distinguished from a first tour), personnel may be retained as follows:

- (1) Officers: Not to exceed six months.
- (2) Enlisted: Any period provided a physical examination is passed satisfactorily.

  
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